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Sir:

This is an information disclosure statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), i.e., after a first Office Action on the merits but before Final Rejection and/or Notice of Allowance. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), it is certified that each item submitted with this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application on March 18, 2003, that is, less than three months prior to filing this Information Disclosure Statement.

Attached are copies of a Japanese Office Action and seven Japanese Patents with English translations, and one U.S. document therein. The U.S. patent is a translation of Japanese Application No. 10-79362. The relevance of the publications can be gleaned from the attached English language Abstracts. The documents are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

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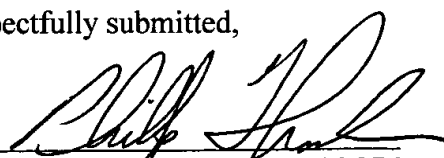
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